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In re application of:

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For: Factor VII or VIIa - Like Molecules

Examiner: Teller, Roy R.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and
RESPONSE to RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election dated March 21, 2003 in the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment and remarks be considered prior to examination on the merits. A petition to extend the period of time for response by two months, from April 21, 2003 to June 23, 2003 (June 21, 2003 being a Saturday), accompanies this amendment.

Please note that this amendment is submitted in the revised format as set forth in 1267 OG 106 (February 25, 2003). Accordingly,

- Claim amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper, and
- Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.